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SUBJECT:INTERNATIONAL ART FESTIVAL AND COMPETITIONS

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS GIVING ASSISTANCE TO A NEWLY-FORMED PRIVATE GROUP WHICH IS ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE AND COORDINATE THE RESPONSE OF THE AMERICAN ARTS COMMUNITY TO INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, WE ARE TRYING TO ASSEMBLE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THESE EVENTS. CONTACTS WITH INTERESTED OFFICIALS AND INSTITUTIONS HERE (INCLUDING FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS) HAVE YIELDED MUCH INFORMATION, BUT HAVE ALSO LEFT UNANSWERED A SURPRISING NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. THE POST'S ASSISTANCE IN FILLING IN THE GAPS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE; THE LATEST AVAILABLE DATA (WITH NOTATION WHEN IT IS LIKELY TO CHANGE) IS WHAT IS SOUGHT.

2. KINDLY PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE "BASLE INTERNATIONAL ART FAIR": A. WHAT ARE THE DATES OF PAST FAIRS? B. WHEN WILL THE NEXT
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FAIR TAKE PLACE? C. WHO ARE THE OFFICIAL SPONSORS OF

THE FAIR, AND WHERE DO THEY FIND THEIR FUNDING?

D. ARE PRIZES AWARDED AT EACH FAIR? E. IS IT POSSIBLE
TO DESCRIBE THE EXTENT OF PRIVATE U.S. INVOLVEMENT,
PAST AND PRESENT? F. HOW ARE FAIR PARTICIPANTS
SELECTED?

3. CAN YOU ADVISE US OF ANY OTHER NOTABLE INTERNATIONAL
ART EXHIBITIONS OR FAIRS TAKING PLACE IN SWITZERLAND? KISSINGER

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